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Mary Major, Daughter of Samuel and Ann Major, was born January the 30th, 1779, & died the 28th of May, 1812.

Ann Major, Daughter of Samuel and Ann, was born September the 10th, 1785.

10. Ann Bickerton Departed this Life 1st of September, 1775, in the 66th year of her age.

11. Mary Major departed this life on Thursday, the 22nd of August, 1776, at 25 minutes after 11 O'clock.

12. Samuel Major was born the 26th of April, 1754.

13. Samuel Major Departed this life January 29rh, 1785.

14. Richard Garrett married to Ann Major April the 18th, 1807.

STRACHEY OF SUTTON COURT.

(*Continued from page* 192.)

The Strachey family is one of great antiquity. Sir John Strachey was one of the 20 knights made at the investiture of Edward the Black Prince, 1337. After him the regular order of the family from Gyles Strachey, son of William Strachey, of Saffron Walden, in Co. of Essex, in reign of Edward VI., 1547, was as follows. Gyles had issue: William Strachey, of Saffron Walden (b. 1547–d. 1586). Issue of the last was William Strachey (b. 1561–d. 1598). He married Mary Cook, and they had one son William, who became Secretary to Lord Delaware, and was the author of *Historie of Travaile in Virginia.* This William married Frances Foster in 1588. Issue, one son, William, who married Elenor Read in 1620. His son by this union was William Strachey, who went to Virginia and died there in 1686, leaving one child, Arabella Strachey, who married, 1st, John Cox, and 2d, John Walter, both of Virginia. By the first husband she had an only daughter, Elizabeth, who married Col. John Smith, of Abingdon Parish, Gloucester Co., Virginia, son of Major Lawrence Smith. Elizabeth Smith died in 1704, and Col. Smith in 1719–20. (See *Chart Pedigree*, p. 194.) The second William Strachey, whose son William went to Virginia, married 2dly, Elizabeth Cross. Their son, John Strachey, of Sutton Court & Gray's Inn, 1634–1674, married Jane Hodges, December, 1662, and had one child only, a son, John Strachey, 1671–1743, who married Elizabeth Elletson. They had 18 children, 9 sons and 9 daughters. Henry Strachey, the 1st son, became the father of Sir Henry, the 1st Baronet, whose BROTHER *Edward*, succeeded him to the estate, and whose son *Edward*, 3d Baronet, succeeded him. (See the outline of pedigree, p. 194.)

The 15th child and the 9th son of John Strachey and Elizabeth Elletson was the John who came to Virginia and married Elizabeth Vernon. (See outline of pedigree.)

Dr. John Strachey located in King and Queen Co., Va. The *Virginia Gazette* contains an advertisement that on December 6, 1769, would be sold the dwelling-house of the late Henry Strachey, deceased (his son), in King and Queen Co., situated about two miles from Dudley's Ferry, and twenty miles respectively from the court-houses of New Kent, King William, King and Queen, Middlesex and Gloucester counties. It was described as a large brick-house, with three rooms to a floor, having the necessary out-houses, a fine crab orchard, &c. My chief information regarding the Strachey family is derived from Dr. Claudius H. Mastin,[1] who, as shown by the chart pedigree in last number, is a lineal descendant of Dr. John Strachey, through his daughter Elizabeth. Dr. Mastin has the book-plate of Dr. John Strachey, printed from an old copper plate now in possession of Sir Edward Strachey, at Sutton Court, and being the plate from which the book-marks of the library at Sutton Court were printed. The book-plate bears the arms of the Strachey family, viz.: Strachey quarterly with Hodges, impaled with Elletson, and surmounted by a crest and eagle gules charged on breast with a silver cross crosslet fitchee. The motto was assumed by the first Sir Henry Strachey in 1764—*Cœlum non Animum.* "The arms which came to me," writes the Doctor, "were upon heavy parchment, beautifully colored, 8 x 10 inches."

Dr. Mastin has, in addition, the arms of his father's family, as well as the arms of the Fairfax, Vernon and Metcalfe branches, in vellum as well as engraved on silver, and a seal which his grandfather, Dr. Claudius Levert, of the French Navy, wore upon his watch, also an old mourning ring of gold with an amethyst seal and enameled around the ring: "John Metcalfe obiit 26 Octr 1758." This John was an uncle of Thomas Metcalfe, who married Elizabeth Strachey, the father to the grandmother of Dr. Mastin.

Dr. Mastin's collections of old paintings consists of 1st, a very fine painting of John Strachey, who married Jane Hodges in 1662. He was a graduate of Oxford, and is dressed in the red gown of a barrister at law; artist unknown. 2d, Paintings of John Strachey and his wife, Elizabeth Elletson, descended to Dr. Mastin from his grandmother as the work of Sir Peter Lely. But their author is uncertain. 3d, Portrait of Admiral Edward Vernon, certainly from

[1] See *Appleton's Cyclopædia of Biography* for a brief sketch of Dr. Mastin.

the brush of Sir Godfrey Kneller. It is an elegant painting, in good preservation. 4th, A number of other old oil paintings of members of the various branches of his family, besides a number of miniatures on ivory and copper, all of which are works of art as well as pictures of value, on account of family interest.

A little book published by Houghton, Mifflin and Co., *Talks in a Country House*, by Sir Edward Strachey, the present Baronet, contains a very good engraving of the south side of "Sutton Court," and also a good likeness of Sir Edward standing in his library. On the wall are hanging three portraits, duplicates of some which Dr. Mastin has in his house in Mobile, and which were painted by the same artist, Sir Peter Lely. A paper, descriptive of Sutton Court, written by Sir Edward Strachey, may be seen in the Somersetshire *Archæological and Natural History Society's Proceedings* of 1867. Sutton Court is one of the oldest, if not the oldest, manor house in England, and dates back long beyond the general survey of Domesday!

The following interesting notes of families allied[1] to the Strachey family are in the words of Dr. Mastin:

NOTES.

THE HODGES family is one of very great age. Sir Edward Strachey has sent me an *unbroken pedigree* of them, from King John down to the union, with John Strachey in 1662, and I have in my collection of silver plate the wedding presents given at that marriage! Decr 1662!

THE ELLETSON family is of very much later date, and beyond the fact of being a family of "Gentlemen" (as the pedigree states) there has been nothing of note to mention.

THE CROSS family came down *in line* from the Earls of Ormond, and was noted as taking an active part in the Spanish war with England.

THE VERNON FAMILY.[2] Ralph de Vernon, of Vernon, in Normandy, was a Lord of that little town; he went to England with the Conqueror and founded the family. (See Abbey Battle Roll after Battle of Hastings, where his name is prominent.) James Vernon, Secretary of State to King William III., came down *in line* from him. He was the father of Admiral Edward Vernon, who, in turn, was the uncle of Elizabeth Vernon, who married John Strachey, M. D., of Sutton Court. I have in my possession several pieces of silver plate-salvers, bearing the name, and also a portrait of the Admiral, pinxt by Sir Godfrey Kneller.

THE MASTIN family is Welsh. My grandfather, Francis Turner Masten,

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[1] The Metcalfe family is treated under a separate head.

[2] "The Vernon pedigree came to me from the papers and parchments left by my grandmother, Ann Lee Metcalfe, and have subsequently been attested by the Herald's College."—*Dr. Mastin.*

came to America, with his brother, Thomas Bryant Mastin, when Lord Fairfax came over. They came from the little town of Mostyn, in Wales, and by degrees has been changed to Mostin, and then *Mastin.* The brother of my grandfather, Thomas Bryant Mastin, was one of the executors of the will of Lord Fairfax; and by consulting *Hening's Statutes at Large* you may likely find all you wish to know of us! Our relationship with the Fairfax family will enable you to trace our descent, if you have any *curiosity* in that respect.

THE LEVERT family is an old French family which came from near Avignon. It was a noble family and originated from one Dominique Claude de Vert. After the revolution of 1793, all titles of nobility being abrogated, the family assumed the name of Levert. Suffice it to say of them that it was largely a family of physicians, and all of them were, in one way or another, connected with the French Army. My grandfather, Dr. Claude Levert, being a fleet surgeon in the French Navy, and a *personal friend* of General Lafayette, he came with the Count de Rochambeau to Yorktown, during the Revolution. I have in my collection of portraits a picture of General Lafayette, which *he* gave to my mother when he made his last visit to America. The late General Edward Levert, of the French Army and the Engineer of Bazine at Metz, was a nephew of my grandfather, Dr. Claude Levert. A daughter of General Edward Levert resides at Angouleme, France.

ARMORIAL BEARINGS.

STRACHEY, 1600. Argent on a cross engrailed between 4 eaglets gules a fleurdelis between 4 cinque foils or. *Crest,* a lion rampant ermine, crowned and supporting a cross patee-fitchee or.

STRACHEY, 1700. Argent, a cross between 4 eaglets gules. *Crest,* an eagle displayed gules, charged upon the breast with a cross crosslet fitchee argent.

[These are the present arms of all the Stracheys and descendants.]

After 1764. (Motto), *Coelum-non-animum* was assumed by Sir Henry Strachey.

CROSS, of Blackmore and Somerset. Quarterly argent and gules. In the 1st quarter a cross crosslet gules. (No crest.)

[I do not know the motto, if any.]

HODGES. Or 3 crescents sable, on a canton of the 2nd, a coronet of the 1st.

Crest. In a coronet or a crescent sable.

[The Hodges have never had a motto.]

ELLETSON, of Alverstoke. Argent a lion gules rampant regardant—no crest brought to the family.

METCALFE. Upon a field argent 3 calves sable passant.

After 1581, A. D., *Crest*: A talbot proper sejant, his dexter paw grasping a golden target.

(Motto). *Dulcia-possideo-Arva.*

VERNON (old arms). Upon a field or a fess blue charged with 3 sheaves of wheat or.

Crest. A woman holding a sheaf of wheat on her left arm, her right hand grasping a reap hook.

Motto. Vernon-semper-viret. Sometimes, "Vernon always green."

[These arms are different with the branches of the family, owing to the various quarterings, impalements, etc. The crest is uniform.]

LEVERT, de Vert.

[The old seal in my collection has been so injured by age that I am not able to give its colors, and, besides, French heraldy is so very uncertain that there is little reliance to be placed upon old seals.]

METCALFE FAMILIES.

I. METCALFE OF RICHMOND COUNTY, VA.[1]—From Foster's *Pedigrees of Yorkshire Families, North and East Riding*, Vol. III.—1. RICHARD[1] METCALFE, of North Allerton, York county, Eng., was a brother of Gilbert Metcalfe, of Hood Grange. He was the father of 2, Richard[2] Metcalfe, of North Allerton, who died about 1640.

2. RICHARD[2] METCALFE (Richard[1]) was father of 3, George[3] Metcalfe, of Thornborough Hall, aged 42 years in 1666; 4, Richard, a merchant in York; 5, Gilbert,[3] a merchant in London; 6, Peter, a merchant in York; 7, John; 8, Thomas; 9, Roger.

3. GEORGE[3] METCALFE (Richard[2], Richard[1]) was the father of 10, Sir Gilbert Metcalfe, Knight, Lord mayor of York in 1695, who married Mary, daughter of ——. She proved her husband's will at York October 11, 1698. "He died June 28, 1698, aged 41; buried in the Church of Saint Martin's Micklegat, M. I., near the altar." Issue of Sir Gilbert Metcalfe 11, George, baptized 1686; 12, Gilbert, baptized 21st and buried 25th April, 1689. [So far the English records, but the Richmond county, Virginia, records show]:

5. Gilbert[3] Metcalfe, merchant of London, who had extensive dealings with Virginia, married Jane ———, and had issue: 13, Richard;[4] 14, Jane Talbott, wife of Ambrose Talbott (dead before 1708); 15, Mary, wife of Samuel Remington, of Low Layton, Essex county; 16, William; 17, Gilbert,[4] of Jamaica (dead before 1708); 18, Anne (dead before 1708). The particular authority for these statements in the Richmond county records is as follows:

METCALFE DEED.

Deed dated Nov. 9, 1708, between "Jane Metcalfe, widow and executrix of last will and testament of Gilbert Metcalfe, late of City of London, and also executrix of last will and testament of Gilbert Metcalfe, late of one of her Majesty's plantations called Jamaica, deceased; William Metcalfe, of the City of York, merchant; Jane Talbott, formerly Metcalfe, wife of Ambrose Talbott,

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[1] In the January QUARTERLY, p. 165, it was said, by mistake, that the Metcalfe family, of Richmond county, was from Bristol.